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Admiral Bobby R. Inman
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Inman:

Your repeated recent warnings to the scientific community about national security have suggested that there is a story here worth telling. Boyce Rensberger, my editor at Science '82 (the AAAS monthly with a circulation of 750,000) agrees. The working title we've discussed is: "How the Soviets Spy on U.S. Scientists."

For this kind of story to get attention, it needs to deal with more than the espionage cases that have already been prosecuted and reported. I understand your reluctance to discuss other cases. But it is necessary to talk about the dangers scientists don't see and do not suspect if you are to convince them that they have a security problem. Discussing such cases in the context I propose might also be more attractive to you because magazines don't live by courtroom rules of evidence. You can talk about a spy stealing data on antisubmarine warfare, for example, without having to hand over the data itself for the public record.

If you would be interested in cooperating with us on this story, you can reach Mr. Rensberger at [redacted] or me at [redacted] I am enclosing one of my recent articles for your reference. STAT
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Sincerely,

Richard Conniff

cc: Boyce Rensberger